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SUMMARY. COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE HAS TAEKN UP QUESTION OF INCREASING AID TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. STRONG MAJORITY FAVORS BROADCAST AUTHORIZATION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO PLENARY FOR APPROVAL NEXT WEEK. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING US DEMAND FOR VOTE ON THIS QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

1. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 24, REPORT OF 29TH SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (CCLM), WHICH INCLUDED CCLM FINDINGS ON WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATED AND NON-LIBERATED TERRITORIES IN AFRICA, WAS STARTED AS FIRST ITEM IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE NOVEMBER 19. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT BY COMMITTEE WAS EXTENDED TO COVER SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF FORMULATION AUTHORIZING SUCH ASSISTANCE FOR SUBMISSION TO PLENARY FOR APPROVAL (THUS MOVING INTO AREA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF AGENDA ITEM 20(B). GREAT MAJORITY OF DELEGATIONS FAVORED AD HOC

FORMULATION PROPOSED BY IGC-26 WHICH PURPORTS TO AUTHORIZE ASSISTANCE BOTH IN "LIBERATED AREAS" AND "UNDER COLONIAL OR ALIEN DOMINATION" IN AFRICA. IN HIS COMMENT ON THE REPORT, FAO LEGAL COUNSEL CONTINI OPINED THAT IGC FORMULA WENT BEYOND, BUT WAS NOT CONTRARY TO, UNGA RESOLUTION ON AID TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

2. FRANCE, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, SWITZERLAND AND UK RAISED LEGAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING IGC FORMULA WHILE DENMARK FAVORED IT. US IN TWO INTERVENTIONS CITED DIFFICULTIES IN LEGAL AND POLICY TERMS WITH IGC FORMULA.

3. CHAIRMAN BEGAN TO LEAD DISCUSSION TOWARD MODIFICATION OF IGC FORMULA TO MEET CERTAIN SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS (E.G. IMPLICATIONS OF TERM "ALIEN DOMINATION"). UK AT THIS POINT INTERVENED WITH OPINION THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO REDRAFT IGC FORMULA TO MEET BOTH LEGAL OBJECTIONS AND DESIRES OF ITS SUPPORTERS AND THAT MATTER SHOULD BE REFERRED TO PLENARY FOR DECISION, WHICH WOULD GIVE TIME FOR CERTAIN DELEGATIONS TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. USDEL STATED IT IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST RECORDED VOTE IF IGC OR SIMILAR FORMULA WERE TO BE ADOPTED.

4. AT CHAIRMAN'S INITIATIVE DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM WAS SUSPENDED TO ALLOW CONSULTATION AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY COMMITTEE. CONSULTATION AMONG INTERESTED DELEGATES AFTER MEETING MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THERE IS SO FAR NO GIVE ON EITHER SIDE REGARDING ACCEPTABLE FORMULA FOR BROADENING AID TO AFRICAN AREAS THROUGH OAU. CHAIRMAN THEREFORE STATED THAT COMMITTEE DISCUSSION WOULD BE RESUMED NEXT WEEK AFTER DELEGATIONS HAVE TIME TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS. IF AGREEMENT NOT REACHED, MAJORITY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO PLENARY FOR DECISION HOLDING FORMAL VOTE IN PLENARY, IF NECESSARY, BUT NOT IN COMMITTEE.

5. CHAIRMAN ASKED USDEL TO CONSIDER WITHHOLDING REQUEST FOR FORMAL VOTE AND, INSTEAD, STATE REASONS FOR OPPOSITION TO MAJORITY DECISION FOR RECORD. UK AND POSSIBLY OTHER DELEGATIONS EXPECTED FOLLOW THIS COURSE. USDEL IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THIS IS WISE COURSE, THAT WE HAVE MADE OUR POINT AND WOULD DO SO AGAIN WITH STATEMENT, AND THAT FINAL COUNCIL DECISION WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY VOTE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUESTED. VOLPE
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